SOLEMN HIGH MASS

in thanksgiving for the

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF

William Robert Wetherell

TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, 17th June 1989

12 Noon

S. Clement's Church

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

GRADUAL - *Spiritus Domini*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: because he hath anointed me. ℣. He hath sent me to preach the gospel to the poor: to heal the broken-hearted.

ALLELUIA - *Jesus autem*

Alleluia, alleluia. ℣. Jesus, because he continueth ever: hath an unchangeable priesthood, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *S. Luke 22.14*

AT THAT TIME: Jesus sat down, and the twelve Apostles with him. And he said unto them: With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you, before I suffer. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said: Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying: This is my Body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying: This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

HYMN NO. 444 - O Thou in all thy might so far *Irish*

SERMON *Father Laister*

NICENE CREED *(Hymnal No. 720)* *Plainsong*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH *The Mass, p. 4*

CONFESSION OF SIN

OFFERTORY - *Christus unam pro peccatis*

Christ, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever, sat down on the right hand of God: for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

HYMN NO. 396 - The Church's one foundation *Aurelia*

ORATE FRATRES

PREFACE OF THE CROSS

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

CANON OF THE MASS *The Mass, p. 7*

OUR FATHER *(Hymnal No. 722)* *Plainsong*

LIBERA NOS

THE PAX

AGNUS DEI

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *The Mass, p. 9*

VOTIVE HIGH MASS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

ORGAN - Choral Variations on 'Veni Creator' *Maurice Duruflé*
HYMN NO. 278 - All people that on earth do dwell *Old hundredth*
COLLECT FOR PURITY
INTROIT - *Juravit Dominus*

The Lord sware, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. *Psalm 110*. The Lord said unto my lord: Sit thou on my right hand.

℣. Glory be . . . The Lord sware . . .

KYRIE ELEISON - 'S. Cecilia' Mass *Charles Gounod*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
COLLECT

O GOD, who, for the glory of thy Majesty and the salvation of mankind, didst appoint thine Only-begotten Son to be high Priest forever: merciful grant; that those whom he hath chosen to be the ministers and stewards of his mysteries, may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Through the same . . . *Amen*.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 5.1*

The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews:

BRETHREN: Every high priest taken from among men, is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way: for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity: and by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest, but he that said unto him: Thou art my Son; to-day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place: Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. Who in the days of his flesh when he had offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears, unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared: though he were the Son of God, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered: and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him, called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedech. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered.

Here endeth the Epistle.

COMMUNION - *Hoc Corpus*

This is my Body, which is given for you: this cup is the new testament in my blood, saith the Lord: do this as oft as ye partake, in remembrance of me.

HYMN NO. 219 - Lord, pour thy spirit from on high *Hamburg*

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

THE LAST GOSPEL *The Mass, p. 11*

HYMN NO. 524 - God of grace and God of glory *Mannheim*

ORGAN - Cantata 29: Sinfonia *Bach-Dupré*

NOTES

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS. We are happy to have you worship with us to-day. Please make yourselves known to the priests and people and please sign the guest book in the Narthex.

EVERYONE is invited for refreshments served in the hall on the second floor of the Parish House following the Mass.

FATHER WILLIAM WETHERELL

In 1938 Father Wetherell joined the staff of S. Clement's during the rectorate of Father Joiner. He was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood here in 1939, offering his First Mass at our High Altar on 31st May, and singing his first Solemn Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

So it is with much pleasure that we welcome him back to our High Altar, to celebrate his Golden Jubilee to the Priesthood, and join with him in thanksgiving for the blessings of such a Ministry. S. Clement's is deeply grateful to him for so much willing assistance at the Altar during his retirement years, and we wish him many more blessings among us.